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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Speaks to Students at Arvin High School, Meets with Voters with Disabilities in Bakersfield

BAKERSFIELD, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today encouraged high school students to register to vote and participate in the democratic process during his visit to Arvin High School. Secretary McPherson was also joined by Assemblywoman Nicole Parra.

"Over the past month, I've been traveling throughout California to encourage young adults to register to vote and participate on Election Day," said Secretary McPherson. "My goal is to help improve awareness about voter registration deadlines and the importance of today's youth engaging in our democratic process."

"Many of these students will soon be eligible to vote and it is so important for them to be actively engaged in our democratic process," said Assemblywoman Parra. "The enthusiasm these Arvin High students showed today really encourages me and it shows that the efforts of Secretary McPherson are paying off."

Secretary McPherson also presented a resolution to the "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" team for winning this year's 20th Congressional District competition. The competition consists of mock congressional hearings where students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles and have opportunities to debate positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues.

Secretary McPherson also met with members of the disability and Latino communities at the Kern County Registrar of Voters Office in Bakersfield to discuss civic engagement and voter accessibility.

"Kern County Registrar of Voters Ann Barnett and her team have been working diligently on behalf of the voters of your community to provide accessible voting machines," said Secretary McPherson. "In addition, I applaud her team's efforts in reaching out to the Latino community. Whether its in English or Spanish or any other language, it's important for all citizens to stand up and be counted."

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